GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR&RD Deptt., - Allegations of irregularities in the execution of work "Providing road from Boduluru to Nukaletiwada via Checkawada & Potlawada under 12th Finance, RIAD" in Rajamundry Division, East Godavari District - Departmental proceedings initiated against Sri GBV Ramesh, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Rampachodavaram, East Godavari Dist – Enquiry conducted – Communicated Enquiry report – Explanation submitted - Imposing a punishment of (2) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect – Directed ENC, PR to recover an amount of Rs.3,51,782-70 –Modified penalty Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.891

Dt. 20.12.2023.
Read the following:-

1) G.O.Rt.No.928, PR&RD (Vig.I) Deptt., Dt.24.07.2018.
2)From Sri GBV Ramesh, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Rampachodavaram, East Godavari Dist, Review Petitions , Dt.07.08.2018 & 9.11.2020.
3)Govt.Memo No.13021/27/Vig.I/2018, PR&RD (Vig.I) Deptt., dt.11.10.2019.
4)From ENC, PR, Vijayawada, Lr.No.Vig.II(2)/3159/2013, dt.28.02.2020.
5)Govt.MemoNo.1108/ Vig.I/2013,PR&RD(Vig.I)Deptt., dt.01.06.2022.
6)From ENC, PR, Vijayawada, Lr.No.Vig.II (2) /3159/2013, dt.15.11.2022.

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ORDER:-

In the reference 1st read above, Government have imposed a punishment of (2) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect on Sri G.B.V Ramesh, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Rampachodavaram, East Godavari District on allegations of irregularities against him in the execution of work "Providing road from Boduluru to Nukaletiwada via Checkawada & Potlawada under 12th Finance, RIAD" taken up by PR Engineering Department in Rajahmundry Division, East Godavari District". The Engineer-in- Chief, Panchayat Raj, has also been directed to recover an amount of Rs.3,51,782-70 in lumpsum from Sri G.B.V Ramesh, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Rampachodavaram, East Godavari District, as the amount was paid in excess for the same pipes and the work was executed departmentally (in case, if the same was already not recovered from the material supplier).

2. In the reference 2nd read above, Sri G.B.V. Ramesh, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Rampachodavaram, East Godavari District has filed review petitions stating that the Inquiring Authority has mentioned that, he had accepted check measurement of the cost and supply of 60 RM RCC pipes twice is not correct and he never stated as above. The cost and supply of RCC pipers of 60 RM was recorded by the AE at Page 17 of MB NO.9A/07-08 and the cost of material was paid to the Contractor for Rs.2,77,522. Later the laying of pipe (utilization) were recorded by the AE and the same was check measured by him at pages 4,6 and 8 of MB No.32A/07-08 for length of 7.50 mts, 15.00 mts and 37.50 mts respectively totalling (60.00 mts) and forwarded to Division Office for pre-audit.

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As such, he never check measured the cost and supply of RCC pipes twice as stated by the I.A which is misconception. There was no second time recording of cost of supply of RCC pipes and the excess payment was done due to incorrect preparation of bill by Sri Laxmana Rao, AE (who later expired). The said AE prepared 6th and part bill and recommended for pipes cost also along with laying charges of pipes, where the pipes cost had to be deduced as the payment of pipes was already made in 2nd and part bill. This is an accounting lapse which was not noticed by him as there is no account section at sub-division level. The Division Office having full pledged accounting section headed by Divisional Accounts Officer and Tech. Section headed by Head Draughtsman and they failed to notice the mischief made by the AE and made pass order for payment. The lapse which occurred was not identified while scrutiny by the Division Office (EE's office) or PAO, Doweleswaram and allowed payment for which he is not responsible and he has requested to consider his case and to drop complete charge in the matter. The ENC, PR, was requested to furnish his specific remarks on the review petitions in the reference 3rd read above.

3. In the reference 4th read above, the ENC,PR, has stated that an amount of Rs.13,51,040.54 is due to be paid on the work to the material supplier, out of which an amount of Rs.3,51,782.50 being the cost of pipes, was proposed for recovery by the present A.E in the final bill which is yet to be paid. As this is a departmental execution of work and bills pending on the work is more than the recovery to be effected (which can be treated as advance) which can be adjusted on book. As such there is no financial loss. In the second report in the reference 4th read above, the ENC,PR has furnished report of the SE,PR, Kakinada along with the report of EE., PRI Division, Kakinada dt:21.10.2022, reported that the 9th & Final bill was submitted by the then Dy.EE, PRISD, Rampachodavaram duly proposing recovery of Rs.3,51,782.70 ps. towards non supply of pipes, among others. But the bill was not paid and the Scheme RIAD- 12th Finance has lapsed and now there is no possibility for passing and paying pending total bills of Rs.13,51,040 to the material supplier. As the total amount of Rs.13,51,040/- not paid to the material supplier it may be treated that an amount of RS.3,51,782/- is adjusted towards recovery of cost of Pipes in the matter.

4. Government, have examined the review petition of Sri G.B.V. Ramesh, the then DEE., PR, Rampachodavaram duly taking into account the new material placed before the Government and it is decided to partly allow the review petition considering the action of Charged Officer as a procedural irregularity and the penalty of stoppage of (2) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect is modified as penalty of stoppage of (2) increments without cumulative effect. It is also decided that the recovery of Rs.3,51,782.70 as ordered in the G.O. 1st read above from the Charged Officer is waived of since the ENC,PR reported that the total bill of Rs.13,51,040 has not been paid to the material supplier due to lapse of grant.

5. Accordingly, Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby modify the penalty of "stoppage of two (2) Annual grade increments with cumulative effect" as imposed in the reference 1st read above, as penalty of "stoppage of two (2) Annual grade increments without cumulative effect" against Sri G.B.V. Ramesh, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Rampachodavaram, East Godavari District in the matter.

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6. Government, also hereby waived of the recovery of Rs.3,51,782.70 as ordered in the reference 1st read above from Sri GBV Ramesh, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Rampachodavaram, East Godavari District, since the ENC,PR reported that the total bill of Rs.13,51,040 has not been paid to the material supplier due to lapse of grant and there is no misappropriation and loss to the Government exchequer in the entire issue.

7. The ENC, PR, Vijayawada shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B. RAJSEKHAR
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri GBV Ramesh, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj,Rampachodavaram, East Godavari Dist **through** Engineer in Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
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The Secretary to VC, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The PR & RD (Estt-I)Dept.
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